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I just got finished talking with Milt Clark who filled me in on this afternoon's Dead Creek meeting.

On January 12, I visited with the Mayor of Cahokia in my capacity as coordinator for the initiative in the East St. Louis area. He drove us around the neighborhood immediately adjacent to the fenced in portion of Dead Creek. He called our attention to the white pipes along the driveway of almost every house. It seems the fenced in portion is also plugged up somehow to prevent contaminated water from flowing downstream. As a result, though, during flooding, the water backs up into people's basements, and they are forced to pump it up and into the street. You can imagine the opportunity for exposure. The mayor, who has been in office for 17 years, said that he doubts it will ever be cleaned up in his lifetime.

We will be putting together a remediation workgroup for the Mississippi River Gateway initiative; Bev Kush has agreed to chair it. Since IEPA has agreed to be a partner with us on the initiative, I'm going to try to get someone from the state (Paul Takacs?) on the workgroup too. Would you be willing to participate as well? I look forward to hearing from you.

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